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**MEMORANDUM**

**PUBLIC MEETING- JACKSON, TN**

**AUGUST 3, 2012**

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Meeting 4 Jackson, TN 2:00 PM - ?  
Commissioner Julie McPeak  
Chlora Lindley-Myers  
Larry Knight  
Christopher Garrett  
Sheila Burke

Approximately 40 in attendance
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Guests: Rep. Jimmy Eldridge, Senator Lowe Finney

Opening comments, Commissioner Julie McPeak.

**1) Susan Veale**- Rural Health Care Association of Tennessee

**2) Richard Barber**- Aspell Recovery Center

*Focus:* Dependency coverage

Will Federal broker grant residential treatment, they have 2 month waiting list.

**3) Dian Brown**- Tennessee Hyperbaric Center

*Focus:* Hyperbaric O2 Therapy

For injuries, autistic children, helps with substance abuse.

**4) Jenny Williams**- Parent, Family Voices

*Focus:* Hearing aids for children

Please continue to include.

**5) Mark Baldwin**- Youth Town

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*Focus:* Alcohol/drug treatment for adolescents

We rank #2 in prescriptions per capita. We rank at bottom in services to kids.

### **6) Darlene Tucker-** Tennessee Association of Health Underwriters

*Focus:* Cost

Concern we need to really focus on minimal so it is affordable. New mandates will help increase costs to employers- they will drop coverage. Need to cover bare bones basic.

*Commissioner McPeak response:* Don't want to make benefits unaffordable.

### **7) Leanetta Allen-** Registered Dietician

*Focus:* Nutrition

Obesity, diabetes- can help avoid long term costs.

*Commissioner McPeak response:* Focus on prevention and nutrition.

### **8) John Williams-** Tune, Entrekin and White (?)

*Question:* The plans you are considering- is there a source of more information? Had hard time finding material on website.

*Commissioner McPeak response:* Described chart on website.

### **9) Andrea Chase-** Carey Counseling Center

*Focus:* Services for MI on parity with physical health. We are still rationing- need to expand coverage.

### **10) Tom Presgrove-**

*Question:* Are insurance companies required to cover EHB's?

*Commissioner McPeak response:* Yes, they will be required to offer in commercial market.

His (Tom Presgorve) experience is plans work to avoid coverage by the way they define benefits, has been dealing with Shawn Hoff in your office. Definitions is a real issue, will exchanges be exempt from ERISA?

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### 2004 NAIC

Ban use of discretionary authority- only 19 states have adopted. Make sure plans do not have discretionary authority

*Commissioner McPeak response:* We have investigators who can follow up and it takes legislation- used example of his son and state of Washington.

*Question:* Will drug benefit be carved out?

*Commissioner McPeak response:* We have flexibility.

Essential coverage's- alcohol/drug abuse considered chronic disease.

### **11) LeAnn Childress-** Sports Plus Rehabilitation Therapy

*Focus:* Rehab, OT, PT Therapy

### **14) Gary Daugherty-**

*Question:* How are you going to handle plans across state lines if they don't meet our standards are we policing policies in other states?

*Commissioner McPeak response:* Plans not domiciled in TN we don't have ability to control. Purpose of EHB to begin to create some level of benefits. But result is 50 different answers by states.

*Question:* Can you add to state law?

*Commissioner McPeak response:* There may be some migration to states with good/better benefits.